

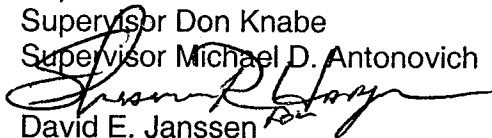


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## WASHINGTON, D.C. UPDATE

### Public Safety Interoperable Communications Grant

On July 18, 2007, the Departments of Commerce and Homeland Security (DHS) announced the allocation of \$968,385,000 in Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) Grants, funded by a one-time appropriation in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. Attached is a news release, which includes a table with funding allocations.

A two-part formula was used to allocate PSIC funds. First, \$158 million (or one-sixth) of total funding was used to provide a minimum base amount of \$3 million to each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico and \$500,000 to each U.S. territory. Then, all remaining funds were allocated using a risk-based formula, which takes into account the threat of terrorism and the vulnerability to and consequences of all types of disasters. California's PSIC allocation is \$94,034,510 -- 9.71 percent of total funding, which is surprisingly low. It is smaller than its 10.97 percent share of total Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funding even though a higher share (40 percent) of total HSGP funding is used to provide a minimum floor to each state, and HSGP similarly uses a risk-based formula. Moreover, while California's share of overall terrorist risks should be the same under both programs, its risk of natural disasters, which is considered under PSIC, but not HSGP, should be higher relative to other states.

According to the news release, the Los Angeles/Long Beach area, which encompasses Los Angeles County, is receiving a PSIC allocation of \$22,278,788. In response to questions asked by County staff on a national conference call on PSIC and homeland security grant funding, Federal officials indicated the State has the discretion to increase the County area's allocation, and a risk-based formula was used to determine allocations to

Tier 1 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) areas, such as ours. The County area's allocation of \$22,278,788 is only 23.69 percent of California's total PSIC allocation, which is smaller than the County's 27.29 percent share of the total State population, according to the Census Bureau's latest estimate. We believe that the County's percentage share of the State's overall risks should have been even higher.

Similar to the HSGP and UASI programs, states are required to pass through no less than 80 percent of their total PSIC allotments to the local level. States are required to submit statewide interoperability plans by November 1, 2007, and the PSIC project program will extend from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2010.

The County will seek a larger share of the State's \$94 million PSIC allocation, which is commensurate with our share of the total Statewide risks and need for interoperable communications funding. We also will continue to pursue Federal interoperable communications grant funding for FFYs 2008 and future years.

#### **FFY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Awards**

On July 18, 2007, DHS announced FFY 2007 grant awards totaling \$1.7 billion in homeland security grant programs. The Los Angeles/Long Beach urban area received an Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant award of \$72,580,000, which is a ten percent decrease from its \$80,610,000 FFY 2006 UASI grant award. Its percentage share of total UASI funding dropped from 11.35 percent in FFY 2006 to 9.72 percent.

California received the following grant awards:

- Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP): \$55,850,000, up from \$47,580,000 in FFY 2006;
- Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP): \$39,880,000, down from \$42,370,000 in FFY 2006;
- Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS): \$4,646,613, up from \$4,181,840 in FFY 2006; and
- Citizen Corps Program: \$1,158,080, down from \$1,528,665 in FFY 2006.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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## **Secretaries Gutierrez, Chertoff Announce Nearly \$1 Billion in First Responder Communications Grants**

*Funds to Help Fire Fighters, Police and Other First Responders  
Communicate During a Disaster*

**WASHINGTON** - U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez and U.S. Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Michael Chertoff today announced the \$968 million in Public Safety Interoperable Communications (PSIC) grants to help state and local first responders improve public safety communications and coordination during a natural or man-made disaster.

The PSIC grant program will assist public safety agencies in the acquisition, deployment, and training of interoperable communications systems to enhance the ability of first responders to communicate via voice, data, and/or video signals. Also, released today are the grant guidance and application kits. Applications are due in 30 days, and grants will be awarded by September 30, 2007, as required by the Call Home Act of 2006.

The U.S. Congress authorized \$1 billion to establish the PSIC program as a one-time, formula-based, matching grant program in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Grant awards will be made to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and four U.S. territories.

"Under this streamlined program, states will be given grants to use technology that will make our cities and states safer," said Secretary Gutierrez. "When disaster strikes, we want our first responders to have the best tools available to communicate."

"Achieving interoperable communications is a major priority for our department and should be a priority for every community across our nation," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "These grants will help states and cities purchase equipment, conduct training and exercises, and develop effective interoperable communications plans to get this important job done."

First responders from different jurisdictions and agencies use disparate communication technologies that impede critical communication among fire fighters, police, and other emergency personnel during a disaster. Such differences can pose problems and impede the critical work of the nation's first responders.



## PSIC FUNDING ALLOCATION



State	Funding Allocation
Alabama	\$ 13,585,399
Alaska	\$ 7,250,345
American Samoa	\$ 691,948
Arizona	\$ 17,713,050
Arkansas	\$ 11,169,402
California	\$ 94,034,510
Colorado	\$ 14,336,638
Connecticut	\$ 12,999,879
Delaware	\$ 8,196,842
District of Columbia	\$ 11,857,972
Florida	\$ 42,888,266
Georgia	\$ 25,311,354
Guam	\$ 2,600,678
Hawaii	\$ 8,069,879
Idaho	\$ 7,289,795
Illinois	\$ 36,414,263
Indiana	\$ 18,291,735
Iowa	\$ 10,935,974
Kansas	\$ 10,667,169
Kentucky	\$ 15,405,625
Louisiana	\$ 19,672,287
Maine	\$ 7,567,579
Maryland	\$ 22,934,593
Massachusetts	\$ 21,191,988
Michigan	\$ 25,039,781
Minnesota	\$ 14,262,071
Mississippi	\$ 10,989,345
Missouri	\$ 17,465,576
Montana	\$ 6,549,685
Nebraska	\$ 8,582,108
Nevada	\$ 12,042,417
New Hampshire	\$ 5,966,760
New Jersey	\$ 30,806,646
New Mexico	\$ 8,288,725
New York	\$ 60,734,783
North Carolina	\$ 22,130,199
North Dakota	\$ 7,052,490
Northern Mariana Islands	\$ 719,236
Ohio	\$ 29,377,337
Oklahoma	\$ 11,684,183
Oregon	\$ 12,182,532
Pennsylvania	\$ 34,190,555
Puerto Rico	\$ 9,590,025
Rhode Island	\$ 7,365,694
South Carolina	\$ 13,499,308
South Dakota	\$ 6,549,691
Tennessee	\$ 17,540,752
Texas	\$ 65,069,247
U.S. Virgin Islands	\$ 856,907
Utah	\$ 10,353,261
Vermont	\$ 4,476,761
Virginia	\$ 25,012,521
Washington	\$ 19,180,347
West Virginia	\$ 8,429,484
Wisconsin	\$ 15,367,216
Wyoming	\$ 5,952,187
<b>Total =</b>	<b>\$ 968,385,000</b>

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)	Tier I UASI Funding	Total State Funding
Bay Area, CA	\$ 14,528,292	\$ 94,034,510
Chicago Area, IL	\$ 16,195,438	\$ 36,414,263
Houston Area, TX	\$ 14,586,128	\$ 65,069,247
Jersey City/Newark Area, NJ	\$ 17,495,751	\$ 30,806,646
Los Angeles/Long Beach Area, CA	\$ 22,278,788	\$ 94,034,510
National Capital Region*	\$ 11,857,972	\$ 11,857,972
New York City Area, NY	\$ 34,812,602	\$ 60,734,783

\*This allocation only represents District of Columbia funding, which may support the National Capital Region Tier 1 Urban Area. In submitting their investment justifications, the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia SAAs should consider both State-specific as well as National Capital Region interoperability projects.